MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER 7:00 P.M.

All members of the Council were present; Mayor Stokes presided.

Presentation – Historic Building Plaques presented by Historic Preservation Commission

- Eben Fuller House, 8 Crosby St. c. 1831
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 14 Pleasant St. c. 1885
- Fuller Weston House, 11 Summer St. c. 1820
- Dr. Issachar Snell House, 67 Winthrop St. c. 1829

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND TABLED.

11-144

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for Alumni Field Bleachers in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to be funded by the remaining Cony High School Construction Account.

Motion to table by: Coffin Second by: Munson Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-145

ORDERED, That \$20,000 be and is hereby appropriated from the undesignated fund balance for the purpose of paving the eastbound lanes of Western Avenue for approximately 1100 ft in the vicinity of Smith/Edison Drive. Said work to be completed in the Fall of 2011.

Motion to table by: Byron Second by: Grant Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Munson

Nays: 1; Coffin

11-146

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed \$120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

Motion to table by: Munson Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

11-148

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Chapter 16 Public Safety. Sec. 26.1. Same-Residency Requirement, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended as follows:

The Chief of Police must be a resident of the City of Augusta within ninety (90) days of his/her appointment. This provision does not apply to the person holding such position on the effective date of Ordinance No. 360. The City Council upon recommendation of the City Manager may waive this requirement at its discretion.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

11-149

WHEREAS, noise in the city of Augusta can have a detrimental effect on private property value and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the proposed noise ordinance changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance:

Section 5.1.15.1.1 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.15.1.1 as attached.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

11-150

WHEREAS, signage in the city of Augusta must both serve the businesses it advertises and respect the visual landscape of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the proposed sign changes with business leaders, industry leaders, and residents testifying.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance:

Section 5.1.17 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.17 as attached.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

11-133

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held September 1, 2011, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-134

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of August 2011 in the amount of \$5,030,434.70 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-135

ORDERED, That Margaret W. Ayotte be reappointed to the Housing Authority; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-136

ORDERED, That Gerald Bumford be appointed to the Demolition Delay Subcommittee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Removed. Council approval not required.

11-137

ORDERED, That John Harvey Versteeg be reappointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-138

ORDERED, That Thomas F. Doore be appointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-139

ORDERED, That Jane Coryell be appointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-140

ORDERED, That Terrence F. McCabe be reappointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-141

ORDERED, That Daniel G. Stevens be reappointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-142

ORDERED, That David R. Cheever be reappointed to the Cable Television & Telecommunications Committee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-143

ORDERED, That Scott Milewski be reappointed to the Cable Television & Telecommunications Committee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-147

BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that a text amendment regarding residential frontage requirements in the Riggs Brook Village zoning district be initiated and sent to the Planning Board for public hearing, in accordance with Section 1.6.1.2 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board should consider the following text amendment recommendation, with the stipulation that any recommendation for modification of the proposal be considered by the Board based on public comment or the Board's knowledge of the area:

Amend the residential frontage requirement from 400 feet per lot to 200 feet per lot.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-148

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss:

- labor negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).
- a pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,

Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk September 26, 2011